

## TRANSPORTATION AGENCY

## **News Release**

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## **Progress report on Kaua'i Multi-modal Land Transportation Plan**

LĪHU'E – Over the next few weeks, a progress report on the Kaua'i Multi-modal Land Transportation Plan will be presented at workshops across the island.

County officials are encouraging residents and visitors to attend these workshops and share their ideas on this important topic that will affect all modes of transportation on the island for years to come, including: walking; cycling; public transit; and automobile.

"A draft transportation plan has been created based on comments from previous workshops, surveys and research," said Mayor Bernard Carvalho, Jr. "Now we need the public's input on whether the plan needs to be tweaked or if it's headed in the right direction."

The workshops are scheduled from 6 to 8 pm at five locations around the island:

- Kōloa Neighborhood Center, Tuesday, Feb. 14
- Waimea Neighborhood Center, Wednesday, Feb. 15
- Līhu'e Neighborhood Center, Tuesday, Feb. 21
- Hanalei Elementary School, Wednesday, Feb. 22
- Kapa'a Neighborhood Center, Thursday, Feb. 23

Elements of the plan that will be presented at the workshops include:

■ Vision, goals and objectives – Does the draft plan meet your goals for what Kaua'i should be like in 2035?

- Scenarios Future scenarios will be presented based on trends and proposed interventions. Transportation not only impacts mobility, but also the environment, economy, food access and physical activity levels. What type of transportation system would you like to see by 2020? 2035?
- Transit Based on surveys and public feedback, there is widespread support for The Kaua'i Bus, and many suggestions were given for how to improve bus service. Does the draft plan prioritize the improvements you want for The Kaua'i Bus?
- Walking and bicycling There was strong support in the first round of public workshops to make Kaua'i a safer environment to walk and bike, especially for children. How much of a priority should these elements be given? Does the plan address the right issues that will make walking and cycling a safer option for you and your children?
- Local roads and streets Safety, congestion, connectivity, and preservation of Kaua'i's rural character were identified as important issues in the first round of workshops.
- Agricultural and Land Use Does the draft plan adequately support local production and distribution goals for sustainable agriculture? Does the draft support the type of development and access to buildings, schools, neighborhoods and parks you want?

The Kaua'i Multi-modal Land Transportation Plan is being coordinated with the state

Department of Transportation's Long Range Land Transportation Plan, which focuses on state
highways in all four counties.

Officials expect Kaua'i's transportation plan to be completed by April. The plan will be presented to the County Council for approval the following month.

Food and refreshments will be provided at the workshops. Children's activities are also planned to enable families to attend.

Anyone with special needs requiring an American Sign Language interpreter or an auxiliary aid to participate in any of the workshops should contact the Transportation Agency at 241-6410 at least five days prior to a workshop.

For more information about the Kaua'i Multi-modal Land Transportation Plan, please visit <a href="https://www.movekauai.net">www.movekauai.net</a> or call the Transportation Agency.

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